

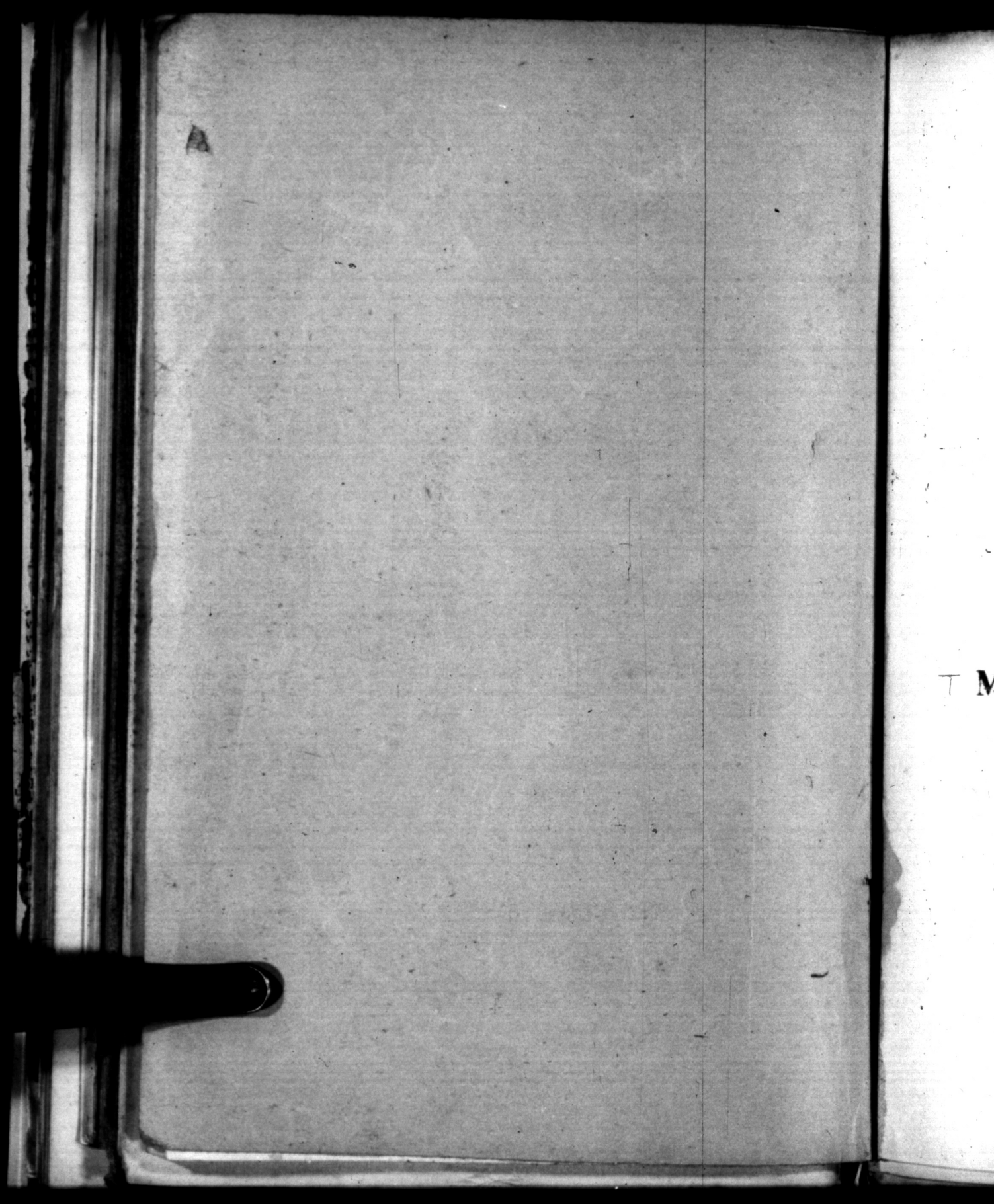
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MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-ninth Annual Session
OF THE
MT. PISGAH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Newton
County, Miss, Sept., 16, 17, 18, 1916

Next place of meeting Hazel Newton
County, Miss., Saturday before the
third Lord's Day in Sept.
1917.

Officers: Eld. W. L. Collins, Moderator,
Union, Miss; G. P. Clarke, Clerk,
Decatur, Miss; J. E. Graham,
Treasurer, Decatur, Miss.



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STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Dear brethern and sisters of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

We have just closed a harmonious, and we trust a profitable session of the Mt. Pisgah Association, held with the Pleasant Ridge Church. The weather was propitious, the attendance large, quiet and orderly.

The preaching has been able, sound, orthodox and spirit of tolerance and brotherly love seemed to pervade the body. The minutes will reveal the business transacted.

But now, to say just what the state of religion is in our country today, is a different matter.

Man is naturally a religious being he was created so. Even the most degraded nations of the earth are intensely religious, so much so indeed, that they will sacrifice human being on the altars of their idols. This they consider, a meritorious act. We may go further and say, that in the regions where the lost spirits dwell after death, a tendency towards religion is developed, as witness the efforts of Dives to have Lazarus go and preach to his brothers on earth. We may also remark here, incidentally, that a missionary spirit was manifested at the same time after it was too late. But now to say how much of the religion of Jesus Christ dwells in the hearts of the people is altogether a different matter. It is very evident, however, we have our standards of Christian-

ity set too low. The church is called the body of Christ and His people the members of that body. The Apostle takes the human body and its members to illustrate this subject:

We are very careful to keep the different members of our body in good shape. Surely we should be as solicitous for the welfare of the body of Christ as we are for our own body. Now, following up this thought, we are bound to conclude, that until the membership of our churches begin to think the thought, live the life and do the work of Christ, the state of religion will not be what it should be. Evidently this standard is not being reached in its fullness among the professed followers of our Lord today. One evidence of this fact is shown by the meagre contributions sent up by many of the churches to help spread the gospel over the earth. The force of this illusion is in the fact that the gospel is the means of emancipating from bondage the people who hold the false religion just spoken of, of bringing them to a knowledge of the true religion our limited space precludes the idea of discussing the subject further. We have only given a few points to direct your mind to the subject, hoping that we will all awake to a sense of our duty. We will close by citing the words of a theologian "We are only playing with Christianity in this country today"

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church,
Newton County, Miss., September 16, 1916.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Elder R. K. Cleveland preached the introductory sermon from Rom. 8: 30. Theme. The immutable purposes of God in the work of redemption.

The congregation was large and attention—the sermon was able and well delivered.

After the sermon, a short interval was set apart for refreshments furnished in great abundance by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association assembled at the house. A hymn was sung, Eld. H. O. White offered an earnest prayer, and the Association was convened in her seventy ninth annual session by the Moderator, Eld. W. L. Collins.

The following committees were appointed; to read letters—I. A. Haily, E. M. Abney, W. J. McMullan.

On Finance—J. A. Brown, W. R. Moore, Q. Q. Graham.

On preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Ridge Church, with J. E. Graham and T. J. Reynolds.

The roll of Churches was called and Messengers' names enrolled (See table.)

The time having arrived for the election of officers, it was agreed, on motion, to elect by Acclamation.

The following were elected for the ensuing term:

W. L. Collins, Moderator, G. P. Clarke, Clerk, J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

The officers elect accepted with thanks and appropriate remarks.

Petitionary letters from sisters Churches called for—none.

Called for Corresponding Messengers—E. M. Hunt, from Hopwell Association; Eld T. J. Moore from State Convention, and Eld. L. E. Lighthsey, Colpontuer of State Board, were seated.

The following committee were appointed:

Missions—I. A. Haily, T. J. Moore, E. W. Breland.

Temperance: J. C. Blass, W. L. Robinson, J. A. Graf-ton.

Education: R. K. Cleveland, W. J. McMullan, J. E. Lightsey.

Sunday School: F. M. Breland, C. W. McMullan, J. M. Williams.

Punlication: T. A. Sims, E. W. Abney, M. F. Mann.

Orphanage: G. M. May, Wm. Yarborough, D. B. Cannon.

Obituaries: W. H. Rainer, W. B. Hammond, H. O. White.

State of Religion: G. P. Clark, J. B. Gibbon, J. H. Germany.

Nominations: M. J. Scarborough, J. E. Graham, J. D. Herrington.

Queries and Requests: T. J. Reynolds, Q. Q. Graham.

The committee on preaching reported, that Eld. I. A. Hailey preach at the house at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. T. J. Moore to preach at the stand at same hour; Eld. T. J. Moore to lecture on Missions at 10 a. m.—the above on Sunday.

Ordered that collections for Missions to be taken after each service on Sunday.

Eld. I. A. Hailey and Eld. T. J. Moore appointed as Committee on W. M. U.

On motion, M. F. Mann was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock, a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY.

At 10 o'clock a. m. Eld. T. J. Moore delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on Missions, At 11 a. m. Eld. I. A. Hailey preached the annual sermon on Missions, from Matt. 28: 18, 19 20.

Theme: The gospel the Power of God. The sermon was strong, able, and convincing. Eld. T. J. Moore preached at the stand at the same hour from Eph. 2:10 Eld. F. M. Breland preached at the house in the afternoon—text not learned. The Association convened at the stand in the afternoon, when the report on Missions was read and discussed by I. A. Hailey, and further discussed at length by L. E. Lightsey and T. J. Moore. At the dinner hour, the good people of Pleasant Ridge Church and community furnished a sumptuous repast for the vast concourse of people present. The collections amounted to \$13.97.

It is believed that great good will result from the labors of the day.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, it was reported that our faithful and beloved Moderator, Eld. W. L. Collins, was sick, not able to leave his room. In order that the business of the body might proceed, Eld. R. K. Cleveland was, on motion, requested to act Moderator pro tem. The Moderator, P. P. read Eph.; 4.

A hymn, was sung, after which Eld. E. W. Breland offered prayer.

The roll of Messengers was called, absentees excused. (See table)

Called for Churches not represented on Saturday.

Reward called for corresponding Messengers, none.

Next proceeded to appoint corresponding Messengers to sister Associations

Oktibbeha—E. M. Abney, H. O. White, R. K. Cleveland, W. R. Moore, T. A. Sims, J. S. Laird.

Hopewell—D. M. Stroud, E. W. Breland, I. A. Hail, N. V. Harrison, J. A. Hill, G. M. May.

General Association—J. C. Blass, N. V. Harrison, D. M. Stroud, W. B. Hammond, J. E. Graham, J. B. Gibbon, C. A. Crawford, J. S. Laird, R. K. Cleveland, F. M. Breland, W. H. Rainer, J. A. Grafton, T. A. Sims.

On Motion—Eld. F. M. Breland was appointed Messenger to the ensuing meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and on further motion it was ordered that the funds sent up last year to pay expenses of the Messenger to the Convention, be applied to that purpose this year.

Proceeded to the consideration of reports—On State of Religions; Read by G. P. Clarke, discussed and adopted. (See first page.)

Missions: Having been discussed on Sunday after-

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noon, the report was adopted.

Orphanage; Read by G. M. May, discussed and adopted.

Obituaries: Read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted.

Publications: Read by T. A. Sims, and amended by striking out clauses relating to Song Books, and the Mississippi Baptist—adopted as amended.

W. M. U.—Read by I. A. Haily discussed and adopted.

Educations:—Read by J. F. Evans, discussed and adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner, which, as before, was excellent and abundant.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Association met, and continued the reading of Reports.

QUERIES AND REQUEST.

Read by T. J. Reynolds, and adopted.

Nominations— Read by M. J. Scarborough, and adopted.

Sunday Schools:—Read by F. M. Breland, discussed and adopted by rising vote.

Temperance:—Read by J. C. Blass, discussed and adopted.

Report on Finance:—Read by W. R. Moore, and adopted.

On Motion, a committee of five, consisting of I. H. Haily, W. R. Moore, W. J. McMullan, W. H. Rainer and F. M. Breland, was appointed to take steps looking to the organization of a Baptist Sunday School Convention in the bounds of the Mt. Pisgah Association

After the adoption of the report on Orphanage, a collection was taken for the Orphanage, \$9.34.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done paying for same where so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the Churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number for distribution.

(2) That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss., by the Treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

(3) That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Pleasant Ridge Church, and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association.

(4) That we now adjourn to meet with Hazel Church Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1917.

"Amazing Grace" was sung, the parting hand was given and an earnest prayer by Eld. I. A. Hailey closed a most profitable and harmonious meeting at the Mt. Pisagh Association.

R. K. Cleveland, Moderator pro. tem.

G. P. Clarke, Clerk.

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FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance submit the following:

Associational Fund	\$64 45
For Missions	13 97
Orphanage	9 34
Paid for printing minutes and postage	58 75
Paid the clerk	19 45
" to Orphanage	12 41
" to General Association	17 41
On hand to pay expenses of messenger to So. Baptist Convention	12 25

In addition to the amount exhibited in the table, the Union Church, Newton County, reports the following.

For Hospital	\$25 00
Education	45 00
Endowment	10 00
Visiting Ministers	73 40

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest in the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and upon thy gates—Dent. 6:6-9.

In giving the commission, the Saviour places the burden of teaching "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" upon his churches.

Teaching was and is an essential characteristic in the declared plan of its Divine Founder.

Our Lord placed great emphasis on Bible teaching and was himself the greatest of all its teachers.

The Church is God's one agency for the propagation of the truth to the ends of the earth.

The Sunday School is a department of the Church work.

Here we teach the unsaved the way of salvation, and the Saved the way of duty and service. The day has come for us to harness our Sunday school methods; teaching an enthusiasm.

Baptists are sufficiently, numerous and perfectly competent to do their own work in their own way. We have a distinct message to the whole world.

This puts before us, as Baptists, a great problem, and in that direction we must train our denominational program.

It is encouraging to note that we have already organized a State Baptist Sunday School Convention also, efforts are being made to organize Associational Baptist Conventions in every Association in the State.

Our State Board is putting \$3,500,000 annually in S. S. work; therefore we should so organize our forces and direct our efforts as to make this a profitable investment; an investment that yield an abundant harvest of Baptist sentiment.

Christ was a great teacher. He went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues; some times it was with one scholar, Nicodemus, or the Woman at Jacob's well. Then he taught great crowds as by the seaside and in the streets. The Apostles were great teachers.

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In 1 Cor. 4:10, Paul says: "I teach everywhere in every Church"

Neither Christ nor the Apostles associated themselves with the Scribes and Pharisees in their teaching so we should separate ourselves from others.

Therefore, we recommend that the proper steps be taken to organize a distinct Baptist Associational Sunday School Convention. Where the Bible may be taught by Baptist people, the only people who do teach it fully.

Submitted: F. M. Breland, Ch'm.

OBITUARIES

We your committee report the following.

We find that in the past year, God has called from among us a goodly number of brethren and sisters. Among them are the following names: Brothers R. C. Jolly, G. A. Laird, Sam Busby, Willis Burt, W. T. Cooper, J. E. Blackman; W. C. Gaines, T. J. Bounds, T. D. Stoaks, A. J. Philps, and Sisters Wm. Jenkins, Georgia Laird, Jare Thames (col) Elizabeth Brand, Nila Williamson, Cornelia Tilman, A. V. Dennis, Francis Smith, Lois Atkinson, C. R. Rew, Mary Coats, Mongan Bishop, Carrie Vance, Donie Clarke, Lillie Wansley, Martha Graham Mina Keith, Mattie Boykin, Adah Hedrick. Some church failed to give the names of their dead. We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and may He give us all comfort and strength in our trials.

W. H. Rainer, H. O. White,

W. B. Hammond

Committee

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee beg to submit the following. We are glad to note that Mississippi is under State wide prohibition. In 1908 the prohibition statute was enacted and took effect Jan 1, 1909.

Additional legislation, however, passed by the legislature of 1914 has greatly strengthened the enforcement features of the prohibition law. The courts now have the right to appropriate one third of the fines collected for purpose of convicting the seller. By this means one blind liger pays for convicting another. It is estimated that by reason of the law enforcement campaign through out the State, the consumption of whiskies within the common wealth during the last year was reduced 18 per cent, and the shipment of liquors into Mississippi was 28 per cent less than the year before.

There are other things we would mention such as morphines and cocacola. We are glad to note that legislature has been made on the sale of morphines and we would endorse measures prohibiting the sale of cocacola. It calls for larger expenditures of our means and is sapping the lives and minds of thousands of young people who will tomorrow be the men and women of our country.

We very heartily recomend that the churches that constitute the body spend every means possible to prevent the dope habit among these young members this can be done by placing something before their minds that will cause them to grow.

Respect. Submitted,

J. C. Blass

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W. B. Hammond	Lake
W. R. Rainer	Little Rock
J. S. Laird	"
W. M. Yarborough	Lawrence
W. H. Giddens	Newton
F. M. Breland	Philadelphia
W. F. Gunn	Hickory
D. B. Cannon	Hickory
C. C. White	Philadelphia
G. M. May	Lawaence
W. L. Grafton	Newton
E. W. Breland	Hays
Joe Rushing	Harperville
W. L. Collins	Union
I. H. Haily	"
H. C. Taylor	"

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J. A. Gordan	Dixon
J. A. Blass	Hickory
J. H. Giles	Chunky
C. A. Crawford	Decatur
J. W. Williams	Hickory

CHAIRMAN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT
ASSOCIATION

Missions	I. A. Haily
Temperance	W. H. Rainer

Education	W. J. McMullan
Sunday Schools	R. K. Cleveland
Orphanage	T. A. Sims
Publication	H. O. White
State of Religion	F. M. Breland

PUBLICATIONS

This is a time in which people are anxious to read, and this being the fact, we should be very careful as to what we read and especially the young, as their minds are more susceptible to trashy literature.

Our mails are carrying daily, literature that is unwholesome, not only the mails, but men are going about through our country, distributing literature that is very unwholesome. So anxious are they that it be read that they will give it away free of charge if they cannot get rid of it otherwise. Such as Russellism, and many others that are abroad in our land. We your committee recommend first of all the reading of Gods word then in connection good religious books, and our denomination-
al papers, such as the Baptist Record, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal and for our Sunday Schools, the the Southern Baptist Convention series.

T. A. Sims, M. F. Mann,
E. M. Abney, Committee.

Part of this report was stricken out by order of the Association, hence is not printed.—Clerk.

EDUCATION

Brothers, Moderator and Friends:

When we come to make a report upon denominational education and look back over the history of our denomination and consider the obstacles which we have had to overcome in an educational way, we are at once struck with surprise at the progress which our institutions have made, while we have overcome many obstacles in the past yet there are many in the future for us. However we believe that the difficulties which have confronted our denominational schools have made them the great schools they are, and placed them at the head of the institutions of learning in Mississippi, hence it may be said even of our institutions that with every sacrifice there is a success, for darkness brings out the stars. It is true that our denominational schools cannot compete with the State schools in equipment, but it is equally true that the State schools cannot compete with our denominational schools in the development of Christian character. We stop to ask why our denominational schools cannot compete with the State school in equipment. We grant that the State schools have behind them the State and the appropriations from the State, but the greatest reason is that some of our ablest Baptists do not rally to our denominational schools. Baptists of Mississippi do not patronize Baptist schools as they should; many of us are sending our boys and girls to State schools, because we can do so at a little less cost. And in as much as we fail to patronize our Christian schools we fail to give to our boys and girls the proper training for life work, therefore, we are robbing them of a great part of the development which belongs to them. The State schools

stand for a two fold development while our denominational schools stand for a three fold development. The State schools tend to develop a boy or girl in two ways physically and mentally; our denominational schools strive to develop them physically, morally and spiritually. Our denominational schools lay stress upon Christian character and we appeal to Mississippi Baptists to awake and realize that the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow and if we expect our boys and girls to take up the work of the Kingdom and carry it on to the conquering of the world for Christ we must put into their training the things that will help them stand for God and the right.

We have at the present under our supervision three great and worthy Institutions: Mississippi College, Clarke College and Mississippi Womans College we may truthfully say that Mississippi College is and has long been, the center of education in Mississippi and that the graduates who have gone out from Mississippi College have in their grasp the progress of the great State of ours. May our prayer be that their number may be increased a hundred fold. Clarke College has done and is doing a great work. It is sending out men and women every year who stand in the fear and love of God and are working for the advancement of His cause.

In the history of the institution only one graduate has gone out from the school who was not a converted man and he has since become a Christian. The crying need of Clarke College is for more sympathy, more prayer and more patronage.

Mississippi Womans College is doing a noble work Every year brings an increased enrollment. This year of 1916-17, we have there an enrollment of 265 and may we

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pray and work for even a greater enrollment for next year. It is well equipped having a new administration building.

We also recommend Blue Mountain and Hillman Colleges which are under Baptist influence.

Now the Baptist education committee is engaged in raising the sum of \$100, 000 for two of our schools, \$75, 000 of which is to go to Mississippi Womans College and \$25, 000 to Clarke Memorial College. Bro. W. E. Farr, who is the financial agent for the commission gladly announces that he has reached the \$85, 000 mark and hopes to get the \$100, 000 by November 1, 1916. We recommend that every Baptist lend a helping hand in this great task and do what is in his power to do for the strengthening of the denomination, for the betterment of our schools, and for the advancement of the Cause of Christ.

L. E. Lightsey,
W. J. McMullan,
J. F. Evans.

Report on Missions.

MISSIONS

The Christian Religion is a preaching religion. A preaching religion is necessarily a Missionary religion. The Holy Spirit says through Paul.

Rom. 10: 14-15, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

The whole principle and teaching of the Bible is that God intends the Gospel for the whole race, and that it is the solemn duty of every single child of God to give liberally of what God has committed to his care to carry the knowledge of Jesus Christ to every human being. Paying to the Lords cause a liberal proportion of his gross income is as much the duty of each individual Christian, as it is to be baptised or to join a church.

Our Saviour said to his disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." From this and many other scriptures we learn that all missions are one, and are placed upon an equal basis. Hence, no Christian has a right to say: I am in favor of one mission but I am opposed to another. Our Saviour says to all: So we are commanded to "Go make disciples of all the nations, unto the uttermost part of the earth. "Preach the Gospel to every creature;" But to do this most effectively we must thoroughly establish the work "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria," which represents our community, our State Missions and our

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According to teaching of the New Testament all missions are one, but these various distinctions into State Home and Foreign Missions are simply as a matter of convenience and to simplify our work.

Your committee is decidedly of the opinion that it is easier and will be far more effective to make our offering for each of these objects separately, say once a month, or once a quarter and to do this as early in the year as possible; and to forward the money to the proper headquarters rather than bring it to the Association.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is basal work. It lies at the foundation of all our Mission work. Unless we are strong and well equipped at home, we cannot carry on an aggressive work abroad.

Our great Foreign Missionary, Dr. Matthew T. Yates said: "The hope of the heathen world under God depends upon well organized and well trained churches at home."

Our Association is doing State Missions work through the General Association and the State Board. The last General Association Board reported 22 Missionaries employed and \$1,207.95 for State Missions. The report says, "South Miss., is not only an inviting field, but one that demands the attention of Baptists as never before. Immigration is pouring in there as never before, and that with an Element that is very much lacking in religion."

The State Convention covers 46 local Associations and is doing Mission work in 40 of them.

The Convention instructed the Board to lay out its work on a basis of \$43,000 to be used in pastoral work;

enlistment work; Church building; Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work; in Woman's work; and special work with Churches near the several Agricultural High Schools.

The Board is assisting 215 Churches to pay their pastors; also assisting in the building of 33 houses of worship. There are as many more Churches, mostly in the country and small towns who need help. Last year Board raised for all Missions about \$100,000, at an expense of five cents on the dollar. Sixteen years ago the Board raised for all Missions \$17,593.33.

The Board supports about 130 Missionaries, Baptisms last year 824, by letter 806; total received into the churches by our Missionaries 1630. There is yet great destitution in our State.

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., and does Mission work in all the Southern States, Southern Illinois, New Mexico, Cuba, Panama; also among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes in the South.

The last report says, "After many years in which the results of the work have yearly made a substantial increase over the year preceeding, we have the privilege of reporting an even larger advance in results than ever in the year just closed."

There were 1143 white and 41 negro Missionaries. Total number of baptisms 43,792, being 5000 more than the year before; received by letter and otherwise 27,594 making total additions to the churches 71,386.

There were constituted 167 Churches Sunday Schools organized 584; houses of Worship built and repaired 321; and 29,352 Bibles and Testaments distributed. The Home work board was instructed by the Convention to lay out its work on a basis of \$480,000 including a debt of \$72,808.58 also work to lay plans for completing the \$100,000 building

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

The last report of the Foreign Missions Board to the Convention says "That which provokes our gratitude and gives joy is the rich blessing of God which has been bestowed upon the faithful workers on the several Mission fields. The Statistical table shows that the past twelve months have been highly favored in the long history of this Board: 6471 converts have been baptised, and 77 new Churches have been constituted." The Board also reported 95 self-supporting Churches, and that the "Foreign Mission Churches average \$3,00 per member in contributions" to the work.

The Board raised for the general work \$505,485.77 leaving a considerable debt unpaid. With the above and what was collected on the past old debt and the Judson Centennial fund the Board received \$806,729.51.

Outside of the regular Mission work, the Board has collected in cash and subscriptions in the past four years for the Judson Centennial fund the large sum of \$1,250,000 to be used in permanent equipment on the various Mission fields; such as homes for our Missionaries, Church buildings, Christian school work, Hospitals, Literature Etcetc.

We rejoice with all Southern Baptists that the large debts which have been accumulating for several years, and greatly retarding our mission work, has been paid in full by the most liberal and sacrificial giving ever known amongst us—and largely by those who had formerly supported the work.

We are thankful also, that, of the amount of mission money paid in for which the Board is directly responsi-

ble for its expenditure only eight and three tenth cents on the dollar was used to pay the home expenses, such as office rent, salaries of all employes, postage, travelling expenses ets etc.

Let us give God the glory for all this great work, accomplished, and redouble our individual gifts and efforts to bring a lost world to Christ.

J. A. Hailey,
E. W. Breland,
T. J. Moore Co m.

ORPHANAGE

We, your committee on orphanage would submit the following:

We look on this work as being one of much importance, if we take care of the orphan children as it is a command of God We find in Gods word: "Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child; if thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless." It is a great work assigned to us by our God to train up the children that have fallen into our care.

Our dear Brother J. R. Carter is the Superintendent of this work. If we take care of them in our homes, it is as great a work as we could do; but we should not forget the orphans at Jackson, Miss. We urge our churches and Sunday School to take up collection as often as they can.

G. M. May,
W. M. Yarborough
Committee.

RUELS OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time. who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed the matter in controversy

by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be constructed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—Preamble.

We the church of Jesus Christ who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—The man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a

RUELS OF DECORUM.

general judgement and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptised upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves

as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association; of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though

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5. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

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REPORT ON WOMANS WORK W. M. U.

Among the many inestimable things that the Christian religion has done for our race, one of the greatest is the emancipation of women. All heathen religions place the shackles of ignorance and slavish drudgery upon women. It is only "in Christ Jesus there is neither male and female."

Our redeemed sisters feel a deep gratitude in their hearts to our Lord for what He has done for them, and all they want is a chance and they will show in deeds of love and sacrifice that gratitude.

As an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Womens Mission Union became formally organized about twenty nine years ago. They now have over seven thousand local organizations, and besides what they have done in their local churches, termed home uses. They gave last year about four hundred thousand dollars for missions and other benevolence. This is more than all the Southern Baptist gave for these objects twenty years ago.

In our State we have two efficient field workers who are devoting their entire time to the work of organizing and training W. M. Us. in our churches. These are Miss M. M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss., who sees after the W. M. U. proper, and Miss Fannie Trailer, who is giving special attention to organizing young women into young Womens Auxiliaries. Their field workers will be glad to visit and serve wherever they can.

We urge upon our pastors the extreme importance of giving the names of their churches every possible aid and encouragement in this work. If our pastors will

only inform themselves upon this work and "help those women" we will have a W. M. U. in every church in this body before the close of another year.

The Association has a W. M. U., two Sunbeams and one Girls Auxiliary, as is shown by the statistical table to be read as a part of the report and printed in the minutes.

We note with pleasure the interest taken and work done by Miss Ora Lewis, the Vice President of Womans Work in this Association and recomend her reappointment.

I. A. Haily,
Chairman.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

We, your committee on Queries and Request would recommend that the 1917 convention of the Mt. Pisgah Association be held with Hazel Church, Newton county.

J. M. Smith,

J. T. Reynolds,

Q. Q. Graham, Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations submit the following:

That Eld. J. S. Laird preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. G. M. May be his alternate That Eld. F. M. Breland preach the next annual sermon on Missions and Eld. W. H. Rainer be his alternate.

M. J. Scarborough, Chairman.

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Sunday School Statistics

Churches.	County.	No. Pupils.	No. Teachers.	Literature.
Beulah	Newton	60	6	Baptist
Bluff Springs	"	85	4	"
Cross Roads	"	60	4	"
Chunky	"		7	"
Decatur	"	60	6	"
Dixon	Neshoba	100	5	"
Good Hope	Newton	40	4	"
Hickory	"	85	8	"
Hazel	"	80	4	"
Hope	Neshoba	96	8	"
Lawrence	Newton	42	4	"
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	78	5	"
Midway	Newton	43	4	"
Mt. Pleasant	"	54	5	"
Neshoba	Neshoba	140		"
New Providence	Newton	37	4	"
Oakland	"	30	4	"
Pinckney	"	49	4	Union
Pine Bluff	"	55	4	Baptist
Poplar	"	30	4	Union
Pleasant Ridge	"	45	4	Baptist
Rock Branch	"	50	5	"
Union	Scott	35	5	"
Union	Newton	201	10	"

Hebron	Newton	Decatur	W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J. A. Graton, W. S. Goldman
High Hill	Neshoba	Dixon	Not represented
Liberty	Newton	Duffee	Not represented
Lawrence	Newton	Lawrence	J. A. Hill, A. W. Stephens
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland, Clayton Trapp
Midway	Newton	Newton	M. M. McMillan, J. D. Norman
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	Byrd Allen, D. B. Norman
New Prospect	Newton	Dixon	I. N. Wolverton
Neshoba	Neshoba	Neshoba	J. M. Smith, R. H. Mowdy, M. Rivers
New Providence	Newton	Chunky	J. L. Peevy, F. Lindlev
New Ireland	Newton	Union	W. J. Germany, Lamar Hunter
New Black Jack	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J. G. Griffin, S. A. Griffin
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	E. L. Searcy, F. Gressett
Pinckney	Newton	Union	C. Roebuck, C. Gordan
Pine Bluff	Newton	Decatur	A. M. Valentine, W. W. Holliday
Poplar	Newton	Conehatta	By letter
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	N. V. Harrison
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Decatur	J. M. Caldwell, W. L. Robinson
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	A. J. Nichols, E. Brown, Callie Brown, Amanda Adams
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	E. M. Abney, H. G. Cleveland
Salem	Scott	Lake	D. G. Stroud, J. B. Wolf
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	E. W. Breland
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	T. P. Ingram, Brit White
Stratton	Newton	Stratton	
Sardis	Scott	Dixon	
Union	Scott	Harperville	D. B. Curtis, A. Putman, W. T. Beesley
Union	Newton	Union	L. A. Hailey, W. L. Collins, W. R. Moore, H. M. Snowden

Table of Messengers.

CHURCHES		NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	
Beulah	County	Decatur	Post Office
Bluff Springs	Newton	Union	Decatur
Beat Lime	Neshoba	Union	Union
County Line	Newton	Conhatta	Union
Center Ridge	Neshoba	Duffee	Duffee
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	Decatur
Chunky	Newton	Chunky	Chunky
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	Decatur
Dixon	Neshoba	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	Lawrence
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Dixon	Dixon
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	Forest
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Lake
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	Hickory
Hopewell	Newton	Duffee	Duffee
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	Hickory
Hazel	Newton	Lake	Lake

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Churches.

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Pleasant Hill
Rock Branch
Salem
Sulphur Spring
Sand Springs
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Statistics of W. M. U. Mt Pisgah Association.

NAME OF W. M. U.	County.	No. Members.	Home Uses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Training School.	Hospital.	Christmas Offering.	College.	Ministers Relief.	Old Students.	Box to Ministerial	Judson Fund.	Marchweek of Prayer.	Total.	PRESIDENTS.
Beulah	Newton	20	51.32	2.00	3.90	22.35	---	5.00	---	15.00	---	5.20	---	---	---	---	58.52	Mrs. J. H. James.
Union	Newton	25	8.15	7.50	8.00	14.65	---	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	69.90	Mrs. I. A. Hailey.
Neshoba	Neshoba	20	42.85	11.25	1.675	---	---	5.00	1.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	97.40	Mrs. Lenora Vivrette.
Ebenezer	Neshoba	9	55.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55.00	Mrs. Velma Walton.
Decatur	Newton	8	44.84	6.00	6.00	26.60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	83.44	Mrs. Florence Henton.
Hazel	Newton	12	17.50	2.50	5.50	4.60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28.10	Mrs. Agnes Rush.
Hickory	Newton	21	15.03	---	25.30	10.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55.00	Mrs. A.C. Hailey.
Sun. B. Neshoba	Neshoba	30	25	1.00	1.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.30	Mrs. Ora Lewis, Leader
Hazel S. B.	Newton	20	---	2.25	2.25	---	---	---	2.55	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4.50	Mrs. Trudie Hughs.
Hazel G. A.	Newton	12	---	1.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.50	Mrs. Carrie Pace.
Union	Scott	19	5.00	3.00	1.60	10.00	---	---	10.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19.60	Mrs. E. N. Rushing.
Lawrence	Newton	13	2.85	.50	2.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.85	Mrs. Ada Williams.
Totals			268.41	37.00	66.85	88.20	5.00	10.00	4.45	15.00	5.00	5.00	---	5.00	---	485.11		

Miss Ora M. Lewis, Association Supt., Neshoba, Miss.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	County.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial aid	Building and Repairing.	Pastors Salary	Other Purposes.	Total	Value of Chr. Property
Beulah	Newton	19.90		16.00	75.00	125.00		235.90	1500
Bluff Springs	Neshoba								400
County Line	Neshoba	8.00	8.00	31.00			1.00	48.00	
Center Ridge	Newton						1.00	1.00	500
Cross Roads	"				100.00	31.50		131.50	
Chunky	"		11.50	26.05	19.81	200.00	91.68	349.04	2000
Decatur	"	30.00			32.69	250.00		316.69	1000
Dixon	Neshoba	13.57		13.50	1000.00	51.00	2.00	1080.07	1000
Ebenezer	"			5.50	5.00		6.20	16.70	
Good Hope	Newton					100.00		100.00	
Hebron	"	28.22		8.25				36.47	
Hickory	"	65.00		31.00		250.00		346.00	
Hazel	"	15.00	10.00	16.05		100.00		144.05	800
Hope	Neshoba	5.81	10.00	10.06			7.06	32.93	
Larwrece	Newton	26.55	.80	25.00		100.00		152.35	800
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	16.11				60.00		76.11	
Midway	Newton	10.00	1.50	13.50			6.00	29.50	500
Mt. Pleasant	"	7.70	17.30	22.00	8.40	150.00	52.63	260.03	500
Neshoba	Neshoba	132.87	5.00	3.00		150.00	74.12	364.99	850
Pinckney	Newton	8.50	4.50	8.40		33.87	1.00	56.47	1000
Pine Bluff	"	4.65			95.70	47.45		147.80	400
Pine Ridge	"	.95						.95	500
Popular	"				20.00			20.00	
Pleasant Ridge	"	2.55						2.55	
Pleasant Hill	"	10.00		39.00	200.00	95.55	2.35	350.90	500
Rock Branch	"	21.00		18.00	33.70	75.00		152.70	1500
Salem	Scott	10.00		19.00		65.00		94.00	
Sulphur Springs	"	6.35		11.80		59.50		77.65	
Sand Springs	Newton			4.00		50.00		54.00	700
Union	Scott	11.00				75.00		86.00	500
Union	Newton	103.20	82.35		10.00	420.00	117.10		3000

Good Hope	Newton	W. W. Grafton	10	1	2	243	59	102	20	2.00	
Hopewell	Newton	W. H. Rainer	10	1	1	243	59	102	20	2.00	
Hebron	Newton	W. H. Rainer	1	5	3	133	50	83	15	1.50	
Hickory	Newton	R. A. Venable	6	9	4	45	51	10	23	2.50	
Hazel	Newton	R. L. Breland	24	6	2	247	85	132	23	2.00	
Hope	Neshoba	W. W. Grafton	2	2	12	24	16	50	15	1.50	
High Hill	Neshoba	G. M. May									
Liberty	Newton										
Lawrence	Newton	R. L. Breland	2	3	2			56		15	1.50
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	W. H. Rainer	3	3	10	19	35	54	10	1.00	
Midway	Newton	Wm. Yartorough	2	1	3	16	28	41	15	1.50	
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	W. F. Grafton	21	6	7	2		94	20	2.00	
New Prospect	Newton	G. M. May	2	2	4	26	41	64	10	1.00	
Neshoba	Neshoba	R. L. Breland	5	4	1	262	80	142	39	3.00	
New Providence	Newton	J. S. Laird				14	24	38	9	.90	
New Ireland	Newton	W. L. Collins	14	1	1	245	35	80	21	2.10	
New Black Jack	Neshoba	F. M. Breland	8	1	1	50	72	122	30	3.00	
Oakland	Newton	W. L. Grafton	2			22	53	75	10	1.00	
Pinckney	Newton	T. A. Sims	1	7	5	20	39	59	12	1.20	
Pine Bluff	Newton	W. L. Grafton	13			130	59	89	15	1.50	
Pine Ridge	Newton	E. W. Sumrall	1	1	1	19	10	19	7	.70	
Poplar	Newton	G. M. May				116	18	34	15	1.00	
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	R. K. Cleveland	1	1	3	21	41	62	15	1.60	
Pleasant Hill	Newton	R. L. Breland	15	2	6	175	80	155	24	2.35	
Rock Branch	Newton	A. B. Culpeper	3	2	6	43	63	106	9	.90	
Salem	Scott	A. G. Sammons	2			18	15	33	15	1.50	
Sulphur Spring	Scott	I. A. Bailey			8	232	33	65	10	1.60	
Sand Spring	Newton	Z. K. Gilmore			2	15	21	36			
Stratton	Newton										
Sa'd's	Scott										
Union	Scott	A. G. Sammon	19	1	8	134	58	92	20	2.00	
Union	Newton	N. A. Hailey	3	13	7	295	125	220	15	1.50	

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